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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Occupational Therapy Practice
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	March 14, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	May 1, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wendy Mears, Professional Member, Chairperson
Victor Kennedy, Public Member
Rosemarie Vanderhoogt, Public Member
Kelly Richardson, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General
Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBER ABSENT

Kimberly Pierson, Professional Member, Vice Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT

Christina Welsh
Heather Roughley
Mary Reihl
Jennifer Foskey
Sarah Rutherford

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mears called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 2, 2013 meeting. Ms. Vanderhoogt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify Applications for Occupational Therapist/Occupational Therapy Assistant

A motion was made by Ms. Vanderhoogt, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to ratify the approval of the following applications:

Christians Hamilton (Occupational Therapist)
Jeremy Walton (Occupational Therapist)
Courtney Kennedy (Occupational Therapist)
Lauren Lovinger (Occupational Therapist)
Gary Bell (Occupational Therapist)
Brittany Vermeire (Occupational Therapist)
Ashley Millman (Occupational Therapy Assistant)
Jamilyn Ambrosky (Occupational Therapist)
Lynn Dietrich (Occupational Therapist)
Lauren Massey (Occupational Therapist)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt, to approve the following continuing education activities:

Kent County Community School

- Introduction to Neuro-Developmental Treatment in Pediatrics, 19 hours

University of Delaware and Others

- Shared Responsibilities – Shared Benefits

Delaware Occupational Therapy Association

- Pediatric Special Interest Meeting, 1.5 hours

Clinical Education Concepts

- Microprocessor Knees: Overview and Training, 1 hour
- Partial Foot/Symes/Knee Disarticulation/Hip Disarticulation, 1 hour
- Lower Extremity Prosthetic Gait Deviations, 1 hour
- Lower Extremity Prosthetic Gait Training, 1 hour
- Revolutionary Prosthetic Advances, 1 hour

- Upper Extremity Prosthetics, 1 hour
- Lower Extremity Prosthetics Functional Level Predictions & Outcomes Measure, 1 hour
- Transfemoral Prosthetics, 1 hour
- Transtibial Prosthetics, 1 hour

Brain Injury Association of Delaware

- Brain Injury Across the Lifespan (22nd Annual Conference of BIAD), 5 hours

Howard T. Ennis School

- What is OT?, 3 hours

Bayada Home Health Care

- Strategies for Parkinson's Disease Management in the Home, 2 hours

PESI Healthcare

- Managing Gluten Free Diets, 6 hours

Otto Bock

- Seating and Positioning Function, 5.75 hours

Colonial School District

- Colonial School District Instructional Technology Workshop, 2 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Mears, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt, to table the following continuing education activities for a timed agenda:

Pyramid Educational Consultants

- PECS Basic Training, 13 hours

A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children

- Annual Pediatric Therapy Conference 2013, .675 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify Continuing Education Activities

A motion was made by Ms. Mears, seconded by Ms. Vanderhoogt, to ratify the approval of the following continuing education activity:

Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council

- LIFE Conference XV, 4.5 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of the Rules and Regulations

Governor Markell signed Executive Order 36 on June 14, 2012 requiring a statewide review of all agencies' regulations including all regulations pertaining to professional licensing. The public comment period ended on March 1, 2013 and there have been no comments or statements

received. Ms. Mears stated that the Board will table reviewing its Rules and Regulations until the May meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received several emails in regards to telepractice in Delaware.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Ms. Witte advised the Board of the upcoming implementation of a fee policy on continuing education approval requests. The fees will be charged only to providers who submit CE approval requests, not to licensees who submit requests related to CE that they themselves have taken or want to take.

The Board stated that after this policy is implemented, going forward, they would like to add an approved course listing to the Divisions website for Occupational Therapy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Foskey, an OTA that works for Genesis, stated that her employer will not compensate their employees for continuing education. The continuing education courses are very expensive. She stated that per the Board's Rules and Regulations there is a limit as to how many courses may be a home study or online courses and is asking that the Board re-evaluate the 10 hour maximum that is allowed for the activity.

Ms. Mears stated that this topic will be discussed when the Board reviews the Rules and Regulations at the May meeting.

The Board was also asked if they will accept CPR as acceptable continuing education. Ms. Mears stated that CPR is a requirement for most employers and therefore not deemed as acceptable continuing education.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Vanderhoogt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Witte

Administrative Specialist II